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ATTACHMENT A

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Exhibit P20

Mr. John Arlidge  
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Dear Mr. Arlidge:

Re: Status of Sink Valley Alluvial Valley Floor, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Alton Coal Project, PRO/025/003, Folder #2, Kane County Utah

Division technical staff have reviewed materials submitted September 30, 1988 regarding additional studies by Water Engineering Technology on the Sink Valley area. Information concerning near surface lithologies, surface topography, and the occurrence of channels allows further verification of unconsolidated stream-laid deposits holding streams within Sink Valley.

In consideration of this additional information, the Division reconfirms its finding that Sink Valley (Sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, T39S, R5W) within the proposed permit area for the Alton Coal Project is an Alluvial Valley Floor as defined in the current SMC regulations. This position is a reiteration of the Division's findings as noted in the March 25, 1985 and February 8, 1988 completeness reviews.

If you have any questions, please contact John Whitehead or Ken May.

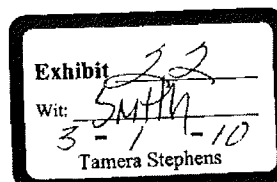
Best regards,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing Petition upon the following by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed, with postage prepaid.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1988.

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